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The Maine Campus

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Kennedy won't sign alcohol initiative

130 university presidents sign Amethyst, UM says it doesn't address the real issues

By Sara Breau
For The Maine Campus

Imagine if on the same day you became old enough to vote, get drafted, buy lottery tickets and legally purchase tobacco and pornography, you were also considered old enough to go to your favorite restaurant and order a drink to celebrate these newfound freedoms with your friends. Passing the Amethyst Initiative would place that right within reach of all those who are expected to take on responsibility for all the other "adult" situations that they may encounter as a result of their coming of age.

The Amethyst Initiative, a movement promoting the lowering of the U.S. legal drinking age from 21 to 18 years of age, was set into motion in July. So far, it has garnered the support of 130 presidents of universities and colleges from across the United States, including Tufts University, Syracuse University and Colgate College.

"Looking at the issue, people will say that a large number of college presidents are in favor of it, when really 130 out of over 4,000 colleges and universities is really a small percentage," said Robert Dana, dean of students.

The movement does not specifically state the legal drinking age in the United States should be lowered from 21 to 18

years of age, but rather indicates it would be best if the law were re-evaluated and open to discussion and debate.

University of Maine's President Kennedy is not in favor and will not sign the petition supporting the initiative.

"President Kennedy will not be signing it. I think that it [the drinking age] is a tremendously important issue; however, raising or lowering the age doesn't address environmental and cultural issues surrounding alcohol use," Dana said, explaining the reasoning behind UMaine officials' rejection of the initiative.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving argues that lowering the drinking age would cause an increase in alcohol-fueled fatalities and crime.

"People look at statistics through the years and see that fatality rates are lower with the drinking age at 21 than they would be otherwise. What they don't take into account is cars have become safer as air bags have and other safety features are improved," said President of System Student Government Sean Rankin, who supports the initiative. "I think that it would encourage better education about alcohol use at the high school or even elementary level if the drinking age were lowered. Alcohol is really a drug and

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Flag day



Rebekah Rhodes ♦ The Maine Campus

Flags from different countries were for sale in front of the Memorial Union

Wednesday was the last day flags would be for sale for the rest of the semester.

UM biking increases as gas prices soar

By Daniel Saulnier
For The Maine Campus

Bicycles have become an increasingly popular trend on campus.

Because of the price of gas in Orono, students find it is a cheap and environmentally friendly alternative to driving. This increase in bike use has created a dilemma for cyclists.

"Almost every day at the Union, bike racks are completely filled up, and sometimes people just throw their bikes directly on top of others," said Ryan Means, a University of Maine biker.

Although these pile-ups are rare on campus, it is common to see bikes secured to lampposts and trees around Fogler Library and the Memorial Union.

The UMaine Cycling Club recently

hosted Fix-It, a bicycle repair event, outside the Union. Tyler Sivik, treasurer of the club, said the group chose the location because it had the most bicycle traffic. Despite the high number of bikes placed on racks, the damage Fix-It team repairs are more often caused by neglect, rather than by other bikes. Nevertheless, students are tired of seeking alternative locations to secure their bicycles.

Assistant Director of the Parking and Transportation Division Alan Stormann said the increased bicycle use was anticipated but not to this

extent. UMaine installed 10 new bicycle racks over the summer to replace a few old racks and to help bikers avoid the problem of overcrowding.

"Almost every day at the Union, bike racks are completely filled up."

Ryan Means
UMaine biker

reports of stolen bicycles. The amount of bicycle traffic will undoubtedly increase the amount of unlocked bicycles, which could potentially lead to more theft.

"When people steal bikes, it's often

done for a joy-ride to get from one end of campus to another," Stormann said. "This is why it is strongly advised to register your bike with Public Safety."

Stormann said owners registering with Public Safety are given a decal with a number to stick on the bike. This allows Public Safety to identify the owner of a recovered bike. Registration, unlike with cars, is not required for bicycles at UMaine. Not many bikers take advantage of this service due to lack of awareness.

This week, in a survey examining 100 bikes outside the Union and the library, only two had a registration decal, both provided from a Public Safety office at a different university.

Photo by Eryk Salvaggio

Legal services expands to help students

By Brandon Thompson
For The Maine Campus

Student Legal Services (SLS) has recently expanded to include limited legal representation and expanded office hours. Their goal of increased utilization has resulted in a changed part of the University of Maine.

In mid-summer, limited legal representation was offered to students in an effort to enhance the usage of the office — a part of UMaine Student Government (UMSG), inc. — and provide a more effective service to students.

Only advice and a handful of attorney referrals were given before; now students have the option of having a letter written, a phone call made or even a plea to the district attorney communicated by the lawyer on campus. Many different situations have been presented to SLS, with many more sure to come.

Corenna Howard, the SLS attorney, expressed enthusiasm for the new enhancements and emphasized her

desire for increased prominence among the student body.

"We really want students to know we're here and to use us," Howard said.

The Student Legal Services' office is now open four days a week. The contract with the previous attorney was for \$66,500, and included 15 office hours per week and no representation. For an \$84,000 contract, Howard is offering 30 office hours per week, as well as limited representation.

The average cost of an attorney in Maine is anywhere from \$150-\$200 per hour. Each Student pays \$45 per semester to the Student Activity Fund. Of the \$45, about \$9 are paid per student for the available legal services.

UMSG representatives have said they are satisfied with the services so far.

Since the opening of the SLS office this semester, 23 cases have been closed.

Many of the issues dealt with by SLS concern landlord and tenant conflicts, but Howard stressed how varied the issues were.

Howard resolved many issues in the short period that representation has been available. These include: reacquiring security deposits, mediating roommate troubles and even softening the situations for students involved in more serious legal trouble by working with the district attorney.

While there has been an increase in student usage of Student Legal Services, Howard wants more. She wants students to understand that not only is representation now available, but an overall enrichment of services, through an increase in office hours

and a commitment to educating and helping students, is being presented.

"Many students are not aware Student Legal Services exists or is available to help them," said Derek Mitchell, creator of the limited representation program and former vice president of Student Entertainment.

While Student Legal Services is still unable to represent students in trials due to the costs and amount of time involved, Howard was still very satisfied with the current offerings made by SLS, as well as the prominence the enhanced services will bring to the office.

"Corenna Howard is a fantastic attorney. I am so happy that she agreed to work with Student Government through this expansion of services. She will be a tremendous asset to students at UMaine," Mitchell said.

Howard seemed pleased with the results so far this year.

"We really want to see students use this service; we're in a corner of Memorial Union and most of them don't even know we're here," Howard said.

"We really want students to know we're here and to use us."

Corenna Howard
Student Legal Services

Senate proposes election rule changes

By Alex Leonard
Senate Reporter

In the latest session of the General Student Senate, a resolution was submitted to amend election guidelines. This would potentially allow at-large candidates to be representatives of students, as opposed to separating senate seats by colleges.

The resolution was prepared by senators Abtin Mehdizadegan, Christopher Harmon and Sean Rankin. Harmon briefly addressed the senate, describing the resolution's benefits.

"By having only two senators each apply to a college, we have more accountability and we feel like we can have a closer connection to the respective colleges," Harmon said.

At-large senators represent the entire student body rather than a specific college, which allows students and organi-

zations to have greater representation throughout the senate. The two representatives of each college would, theoretically, focus more on the issues of those they represent and less on other colleges.

Students can represent colleges they are not enrolled in. If this proposal passes, each college will be allowed only two delegates in the forthcoming election, with the remainder of the senate seats being

filled by general representatives.

This proposition, along with another resolution to allow members of the graduate student body access to Legal Services, was discussed at the end of the meeting. If passed by their respective committees they will be up for vote next week. President James Lyons had no comment on either proposal but did say next week's meeting will be "very interesting."

Along with the two aforementioned resolutions, two more were voted on and passed. The first amends the job descrip-

"By having only two senators each apply to a college, we have more accountability."

Christopher Harmon
Student senator



tion of the Director of External Affairs and the second allocates \$7,101 to the newly formed UMaine Club Ice Hockey. Some senators were wary of allocating such a large sum of money, but a representative of the club was on hand to present an invoice for jerseys and explain the expensive nature of ice hockey.

Other allocations included \$150 to Kappa Kappa Psi, \$332 to the Dressage Club, \$413 to the Maine Outing Club, \$260 to Mock Trial and \$260 to the vice president of Student Organizations. The Tennis Club was also granted final approval. Vice President of Student Entertainment Andrew Gerke, described in his report the plan to allow UMaine students to receive a discount at the Cake concert at Colby College on Oct. 3.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
"Going to War: Israel, Palestine and Iran" SEPT. 18 12:30 p.m. Bangor Room, Memorial Union By Professor Doug Allen, part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series.	The Maine Attraction: Featuring Steve Burr SEPT. 19 9 p.m. Main Dining Room, Memorial Union Brought to you by The Campus Activities Board.	Sigma Phi Epsilon's "Rock Against Rape" SEPT. 20 7 p.m. Mahaney Diamond Featuring Mae and Lost on Liftoff
Open forum/focus group meeting 1:30 p.m. Coe Room, Memorial Union Informational discussion about the 4th floor Memorial Union attic space.	To submit your event to The Maine Campus Community Calendar, please send time, day, date, location and fee information to news@mainecampus.com or drop it off in our office, located in the basement of The Memorial Union. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.	

Have a nice weekend :)

WEATHER

Orono's five-day forecast

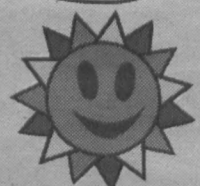
Thursday | Partly cloudy

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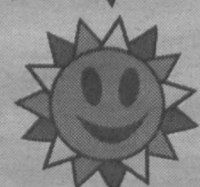
Friday | Mostly sunny

58 **39**
high low



Saturday | Mostly sunny

63 **45**
high low



Sunday | Few showers

63 **42**
high low



Monday | Few showers

58 **37**
high low



Comparing political groups on campus: Republicans and Democrats gear up for Nov. 4 election

By Lynnsay Maynard, for The Maine Campus

The University of Maine College Republicans

University of Maine College Republicans are recruiting volunteers and registering voters, hoping to garner support across campus for the republican presidential ticket, Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin, before the Nov. 4 election.

Operating from a table in the Memorial Union, College Republicans volunteers pass out campaign literature and answer questions from students.

"We're trying to unite and provide a basis for republican students to come and organize for causes we agree on," said Zachary Jackman, College Republicans president.

"We're really trying to get people to come

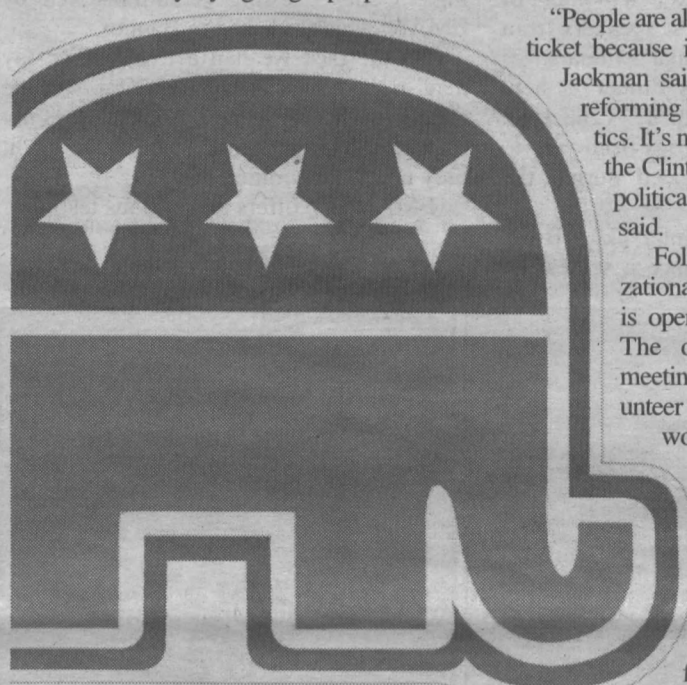
out and make a decision — whoever they may vote for, that person is going to have the power to end the world," Jackman said. "Regardless of who you're voting for, you still have to weigh the consequences of you being able to choose who has the power to end the world."

Working with Sen. Susan Collins and Sen. Olympia Snowe, College Republicans recruit volunteers to work for the presidential campaign. Jackman said they have seen a membership boost since McCain selected Palin as his running mate. According to Jackman, several former Hillary Clinton supporters pledged their votes to the Republican Party this November.

"People are aligning with the McCain-Palin ticket because it's not extreme either way," Jackman said. "The Republican Party is reforming because it's a new era of politics. It's not the old-school politics with the Clintons and Bushs. It's a modern political world, and it's changing," he said.

Following university and organizational rules, College Republicans is open to any political affiliation. The organization holds weekly meetings for its members, does volunteer work around the area and works with similarly-minded organizations across campus on certain issues. The group also plans an annual trip to Washington, D.C.

More information about College Republicans and upcoming events can be found on FirstClass.



The University of Maine College Democrats

Sen. Barack Obama has received multitudes of support from young voters. The University of Maine College Democrats are working to raise awareness and align students across campus in support of Obama and his vice presidential pick, Sen. Joe Biden.

The Obama Campus Coalition for Change has joined forces with College Democrats to harness support for the democratic presidential ticket.

"I think it makes us stronger. We have students who have brought a wealth of knowledge to the table," said Ben Goodman, communications coordinator for the Coalition for Change.

College Democrats is working to register voters and to recruit volunteers. The group plans to host events throughout the fall. The organization also campaigns for members of Maine's congressional delegation such as Congressman Tom Allen.

"It's a cliché, but this is the most important election of our lifetime. The issues we are playing with this time are going to affect our generation more than any other," Goodman said. "It's now or never. This campus has a crucial role to play in the state."

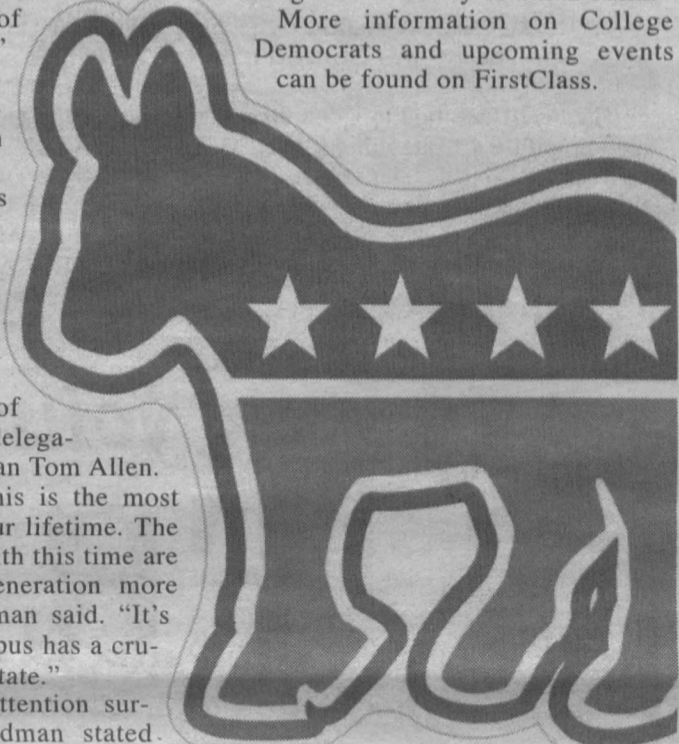
Despite the media attention surrounding Obama, Goodman stated.

the Republican Party did receive a boost from the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., and Sen. John McCain's vice presidential nomination of Gov. Sarah Palin.

"It's a historic pick for the Republican Party," Goodman said, "but my party did that in 1984. A lot of time has passed."

Goodman also added, "I don't see many Hillary Clinton supporters crossing party lines. I think they'll see through the celebrity of Sarah Palin."

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Yale Lecturer gives environmental talk today

By Megan Neff
For The Maine Campus

Mary Evelyn Tucker, a lecturer from Yale University, will give an environmental talk in Hauck Auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 18.

The lecture is titled "The Environmental Crisis as a Moral and Spiritual Challenge." This is part of an annual lecture series sponsored by the Senator George J. Mitchell Center. The center, located in Smith Hall, deals primarily with water resource issues in Maine.

Mitchell, a former democratic senator

from Maine who the center is named after, will attend the lecture and make comments after the keynote speaker.

Tucker holds joint appointments as a research scholar in the Divinity School, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and Department of Religious Studies.

Since 1986, she has been a committee member at the United Nations Environment Programme. This will be her first appearance at the University of Maine.

Sen. Mitchell was appointed to the United States Senate in 1980 when Sen. Edmund Muskie resigned to work as U.S.

Secretary of State. Mitchell served 14 years and acted as Senate Majority Leader for six.

Mitchell is known for his negotiations in Northern Ireland. For two years, he acted as a U.S. Special Envoy there. He chaired the agreements there which eventually led to the Belfast Peace Agreement, also known as the Good Friday Accord. In 1998, he was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his work. In 1994, President Clinton offered him a seat on the Supreme Court. Mitchell declined the offer, instead choosing to stay in the Senate to continue his work on the health care plan that was being discussed.

The Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research was dedicated in October 2000. The senator authored the first national oil spill prevention and cleanup laws, and in 1990 he helped champion the reauthorization of the Clean Air Act.

"Senator Mitchell is a tremendous speaker," said Joe Carr, director of University relations. "His presence at the university is always well received."

The lecture will be given at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 and is expected to last about an hour. Tickets are free, and anyone interested should contact the Mitchell Center at 581-3244.

Preventing AIDS at the University of Maine

By Hasan Haider
For The Maine Campus

The Peer Education program, in collaboration with the Counseling Center, Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered Services and the Eastern Maine AIDS Network are on the front lines of HIV/AIDS prevention at the University of Maine.

Annually, on Dec. 1, UMaine observes

World AIDS Day by holding the names quilt event.

"A quilt of blocks displayed in the Union is made in the memory of people who died from AIDS," said Kylie Cole, clinical coordinator for prevention at the Counseling Center. The Peer Ed program, GLBT services and EMAN organizes the event to spread HIV/AIDS awareness.

"A vigil is held on the steps of the library [during the event]," said Bethany Asquith,

graduate assistant at the Counseling Center. "We hold candles and stand in a moment of silence." On that day, guest speakers from EMAN present informational seminars.

"A Know Your Status dinner is held sometime in March or April," Cole said. The venue of the event varies from year to year and will be announced during the spring semester.

"The Cutler Health Center has a Bring Your Buddy Day, done once a semester,"

Cole said. "It's confidential, half-price testing." Cutler's testing is administered by EMAN, which is based in Bangor.

"In the past we had a free testing day here in the Union in collaboration with the GLBT office," Cole said. The test does not require drawing blood, Asquith said, "it only takes three minutes."

EMAN also offers anonymous testing.

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Carpenter call

A custodian working in Barrows Hall reported a broken door on the west side of the building at 2:44 a.m. on Sept. 12. It appeared to have been kicked in, forcing it to open in the opposite direction. A carpenter was called to fix the door at a cost of \$100.

Borrowing without asking

A blue Next bike was borrowed from the bike rack outside Kennebec Hall on the morning of Sept. 13. The owner, a Kennebec resident, reported the missing bike at 9:16 a.m. A few hours later, officers located the bike propped against a tree a short distance from the hall.

Knox theft

Money and debit cards were stolen from a second-floor dorm room in Knox Hall on the night of Sept. 13. The two residents reported the theft at 6:18 p.m. on Sept. 14. They left the

room at 9:30 p.m. and returned at 2:30 a.m. to find several items missing: \$40 in cash, both residents' debit cards and two gift cards. It is probable that the door was not properly shut, as there was no sign of forced entry. The case is under investigation.

Quick phone swipe

A female using the computer lab in the Memorial Union left her computer for a few minutes and returned to find her Verizon NV2 cell phone missing on Sept. 15 at about 8 p.m. The rest of her belongings remained untouched. The theft was reported at 10:54 p.m. The phone is red with a black case and valued at \$200. This is under investigation.

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Aislinn Sarnacki
Staff Reporter**

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needs to be treated as such."

Some supporters of the Amethyst Initiative hope lowering the legal drinking age would lead to a decrease of incidences of binge drinking on campuses nationwide.

"I think [the Amethyst Initiative] is a good idea because restricting the age makes people want to do it even more, and they aren't as safe about it because they have to sneak around and do it and don't know how to be responsible about it," second-year journalism major Betsy Caron said.

Opponents of the initiative are not opposed to the lower age, but

rather to the idea of focusing on one small aspect of what is really a much greater problem regarding alcohol use and abuse, Dana said.

"In our culture, we are encouraged to drink heavily — anyone can look around and see this just in advertisements alone. What we really need to address is the drinking culture, not just the drinking age. Lowering the drinking age will simply be a transmission of alcohol abuse into a younger age group."

The Amethyst Initiative, also referred to as the Presidential Statement, was composed by John McCardell, the former president of Middlebury College in Vermont and eight other college presidents from across the United States.

AIDS

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"If someone is having trouble paying, they consider your income,

and if you cannot afford to pay anything, they will get you tested for free," Cote said.

"A variety of awareness workshops are offered in the resident halls," said Scott Clement, the graduate assistant for the Peer Ed program. "The students get to learn important facts about the disease." To reach out to non-resident students, two peer educators talk to commuters and present to classes.

In addition to the daily prevention practices, Peer Ed promotes safer sex practices, part of which is their con-

dom supply. "We have condoms at the Peer Ed office, the Cutler Health Center and the resident halls," Asquith said.

HIV/AIDS is an incurable disease and prevention is key. HIV/AIDS can be spread by unprotected sex. Statistically, many college students do not know if they carry the disease, so it is better to get tested.

The Peer Ed office is located on the second floor of the Memorial Union. Their hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For questions, please contact Clement at 581-1397 or via FirstClass. Cole can be reached at the Counseling Center, located in the Cutler Health Center, at 581-1392 or via FirstClass.



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

A mother deer scans the area looking for her other fawn behind York Hall Tuesday afternoon.

Princeton Review ranks UMaine as a top college

**By Macey Hall
For The Maine Campus**

For the fifth consecutive year, the Princeton Review ranked the University of Maine one of the 368 best colleges in the nation. The rankings are determined based on student opinion, collected in an 80-question survey.

"The survey consists of all sorts of questions, such as what percentage of classes students actually go to, where they live — on or off campus — why they chose the school. We ask about financial aid, satisfaction with class size, recreational facilities, the bookstore, how students like the food on and off campus, the dorms, and we ask about how happy the students are. There are questions about the sponsored organizations, such as the music groups, school newspapers, and other clubs," said Rebecca Lessem, senior editor of "368 Best Colleges." She said students rank their school in different categories on a scale from one to five, then she compiles it and puts it in that school's profile.

"Instead of ranking schools academically, one to 368, we tally ranking lists in 62 categories based on what students at the schools report to us about them," said Robert Franek, an author at the Princeton Review.

UMaine did not make any of the 62 individual lists, but students still had many positive things to say.

"A lot of students at the University of Maine said the school has a great library, great athletic facilities and school spirit. They certainly love the Black Bears. Students were also in agreement that people drink a lot of beer, and that hard liquor is very popular," Lessem reported.

While not making the top 20 on any of the 62 sub-category lists, UMaine was high on another list.

This year, the Princeton Review debuted its "Green Ranking," which is a measure of how environmentally aware and responsible schools are — ranking them by a score of 60 to 99. UMaine was near the top of the chart, with a score of 93. Five-hundred thirty-four schools were classified on data collected during the 2007-08 academic year, with respect to their environmental practices, policies and courses offered. To determine the grades, Princeton Review partnered with a group called EcoAmerica, which is a nonprofit environmental group that utilizes consumer research and partnerships in an attempt to shift the civic and personal choices of Americans to better the environment.

The Review has different categories that the schools receive scores in.

"We rate depending on categories like quality of life on campus that's healthy and sustainable, how well the school is preparing students for environmental jobs, how environmentally responsible each school is, such as do they take advantage of local and organic produce," Lessem said. He said they also judge based on whether schools promote biking, carpooling and give free bus passes.

"We also consider if new buildings are LEED-certified, how much the school recycles and what their waste diversion rate is. The final category we look at is: Does school have environmental majors? Schools should also have a climate action plan, in which they need to aim to reduce greenhouse gases by 80 percent by 2050," Lessem said.

The Princeton Review does not take academics into account in this list, but Lessem said, "We consider all of the 368 schools in the book to be wonderful academically, which is why we include them in the book."

Remember to vote on Nov. 4!

THE MAINE CAMPUS

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The wrong way to change the drinking age

The Amethyst Initiative, which proposes the lowering of the national drinking age, has been circling the country since July. University of Maine President Robert Kennedy declined to sign the petition.

Regardless of Kennedy's motives for not signing the initiative — whether he disagrees or simply feels it is not the place of a college official — we applaud his lack of support for the movement. Although the initiative has barely picked up steam with approximately 130 signatures from thousands of universities, President Kennedy's refusal to sign remains admirable.

College administrators have no place lobbying for a change of the national drinking age; it's not their job. A college president's personal interest in ensuring legality of alcohol consumption by his or her first-years is dubious; the source of the pressure — perhaps students already consuming while underage — is questionable. Why would a college president make time in his or her busy schedule to champion a responsibility that lies nowhere in their jurisdiction?

College officials should encourage personal responsibility and concentrate on furthering alcohol education — something many college students have not experienced since D.A.R.E. in elementary school.

Proponents of a younger drinking age should direct their activist energy through established channels to effect legislative decisions instead of badgering college officials.

The above editorial is written by the editorial board, whose members are Nick McCrea, Mario Moretto, Zach Dionne, Heather Steeves, Dylan Riley, Jessica Fish, Rebekah Rhodes, Amy Brooks, Adam Clark, Alicia Mullins and Lisa Haberzettl

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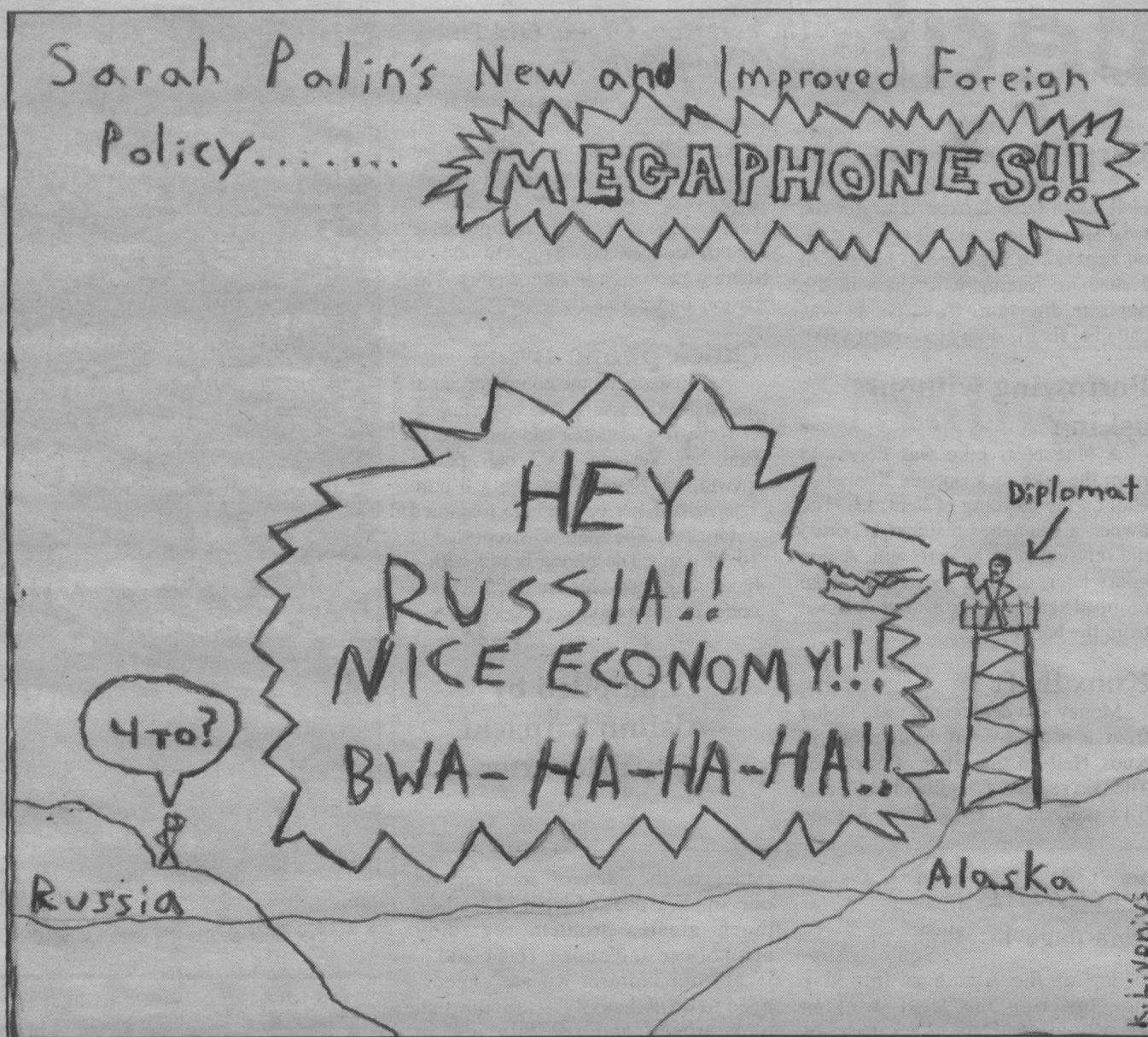
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Perspectives

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Nick McCrea

Voters should think carefully about implications of casino

You may not have heard much about Question 2 on November's ballot, but it has the potential to make a severe impact on our state.

Question 2 asks, "Do you want to allow a certain Maine company to have the only casino in Maine, to be located in Oxford County, if part of the revenue is used to fund specific state programs?"

Sounds simple. Sounds like jobs. Sounds like progress. Sounds OK. However, before you go to the polls on Nov. 4, I encourage you to inform yourself of the real implications behind what can be a vague referendum. This casino in southern Maine or in any part of the state, could cause far more harm to Maine people than growth for our state.

Casino proponents often argue that Maine should accept casinos because they already have every other piece of the gaming puzzle - lotteries, racetracks, off-track betting, slots, etc. I don't believe any of these things have helped our state significantly.

Even the seemingly innocent scratch-off ticket has its drawbacks. I worked for two years as a cashier at an area grocery store. In my time there, I noticed a trend — a large majority of people with food stamps, EPS cards, WIC checks and other forms of social government aid would pay for their food with said supports. That's wonderful, until a large portion of that group turned around and purchased \$40 worth of lottery tickets in an attempt to get rich the quick, easy and unlikely way.

People who don't have the means to gamble are often the first in line when a gambling facility opens. The elderly, poor and those with low incomes are drawn by the allure of winning big. The problem is, these people have the most to lose and risk losing what little they have in their attempts to gain more. Other risks that come along with casinos include increases in crime, addictions and the amount of social welfare the state will need to shell out.

Perhaps the most off-putting thing about this casino plan is the fact that we still know very little about Vegas-based Olympia Gaming's ideas. What are these jobs? Some may be

high-wage, secure positions, but a large percentage is likely to be temporary construction jobs that will leave no long-term benefits. Not to mention they don't even know basics, like where they're going to build the facility.

Perhaps Olympia simply isn't sure of the details yet because they just took over the referendum after Rumford-based lawyer Seth Carey gave up his leadership of the campaign following allegations of professional misconduct in his practice.

Olympia said it will have more information, such as possible locations for the casino, by the time the elections roll around, but how much time will that leave the public to make an informed decision? If they come up with a semi-formal plan by late October, that leaves little time for opponents of the measure to react, or people who aren't sure to make up their minds.

Before stepping into the voting booths, Mainers should look into the facts behind not just Question 2, but all ballot issues. More importantly, those behind the referendums should offer up ample information to help the public with this task.

Nick McCrea is a senior journalism major and a skeptic, but he'll still play poker this weekend

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Both parties' candidates should be subject to same level of scrutiny

Patrick Bolduc

This election year, the clear focal point is change. Each candidate has come to realize they need to promise change in order to distance themselves from the unquestionable failures of George W. Bush — but how much of this talk of change has any real significance in the candidates' campaigns?

Sen. Barack Obama has been criticized harshly for preaching the concept of change without any actual policy to back it up. When Obama spoke in Bangor last winter, he encouraged anyone who did not believe that he had specific ideas on how to change Washington to look at his Web site. There, he addresses every issue by stating his stance on it and providing a plan to implement change. After visiting the Web site, I realized that not only did Obama clearly state his policy — down to specifics, including how much money middle-class families will be receiving in tax breaks and exactly what incentives there will be for companies to keep jobs in America — but he also has videos of himself going over these specifics at public speeches. This raises the question: Why do people assume that Barack Obama only preaches change without any real idea of how to bring it about?

It is a reflection of American government. There is so much cynicism that people automatically assume candidates are lying to them from the start. This critical viewpoint most Americans seem to have can be a good thing. It makes the candidates work harder to convince citizens, but it would only be fair if the same standards were applied to Obama's opponent, Sen. John McCain.

McCain has never been accused of being one of the great orators of his time, but he does have a solid history in the Senate that seems to comfort people, especially on issues of foreign policy.

At the Republican National Convention, it was obvious there was overwhelming support behind McCain, and he made it clear where he stood on the most controversial issues. One thing

viewers did not hear is how McCain will go about creating the change he promises.

One criticism McCain made of Obama is that he is wishing away the global economy and thus creating unemployment. McCain said he would help workers find new jobs that won't go away. He fails to mention in his speech or on his Web site how he will go about doing this. Obama has made it clear he would keep an open market, while also providing tax incentives for companies that do not send jobs overseas.

McCain then went on to education. "Equal education to public schools has been gained, but what is the point of sending a child to a failed school?" he said. An excellent point by McCain, but in the Senate, he voted to institute George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind Act and then repeatedly voted against funding it. This left schools to deal with strict requirements without the resources to meet them. Not surprisingly, McCain failed to mention this. He went on to say that when a school fails to educate children, a parent deserves the choice in the education of their children — another point that sounds promising, until you see that McCain's education plan actually centers around funding private schools rather than increasing the public schools, which the vast majority of students will be attending.

McCain's speech and Web site seem to be nothing more than bullet points that are consistent with his voting record, which for the past year has been the same as Bush's 95 percent of the time. For a candidate that preaches "straight talk," his rhetoric does not match his record. This is not to say Obama has never equivocated on any of the issues, but thus far in the campaign, the media has portrayed Barack Obama as a candidate that favors sensationalism over policy. It is only fair to examine both sides.

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Jennifer Panzieri

I am going to preface all of this by saying that I am a full-time first-year student who has a child and works part time. That being said, I read a post on the UMaine Forum on FirstClass regarding children in public places. The person who wrote the post had a pet peeve about children — especially young children and infants — in public places such as libraries. She suggested that those with children get babysitters when going out. She also belittled parents who were looking for jobs in places like Wal-Mart, which she insinuated was the most inconceivable place to be attempting to get a job. She finished by bashing the welfare system.

This is my response to her opinion.

Being a student and a parent is very difficult. Most days, I feel like I need to have the time management skills of a god to get everything done. I am privileged to have my fiancé helping me out, and to have Internet access at my apartment. I know a great deal of women who are single moms and do not have those luxuries. They either do not have the resources to get a babysitter to watch their child for an hour while they are at the library or would rather have their child with them when ever they can.

You try having five kids, who I am assuming were relatively close in age due to the description of the parents, which are probably full of energy and impatient. Add the stress of finding a job, and you have a potentially volatile situation. As a parent, it may be easier to not say anything than to do so, because you do not want to blow up at your kids. Let's not forget the subjective line between child abuse and discipline. You don't dare scold your child for fear of there being a severe hyperbole of

Before complaining about kids, try a few of your own first

allegations. Sometimes, taking the path of least resistance is safer. This isn't to say that some or most parents have no issue making sure their child understands what's acceptable and what isn't in public, but in some instances it's safer to concentrate on damage control in the moment and teach later.

While it is difficult for most people to fathom that applying to Wal-Mart could be a difficult process, check out the application. I've spent less time on research papers. To me, it speaks volumes of a man who may be a little below your intelligence level doing his damndest to provide for his children and get off welfare. Instead of bashing the man and his intelligence, I applaud him for at least attempting to move beyond public assistance and into the realm of self-sufficiency. While some people are lucky enough to have the mental and financial capability to attend a university, some are not so lucky and provide our society with the workers we need for our menial jobs, such as pushing a broom at Wal-Mart. Surely it is not that difficult to understand the necessity for a base level of our social infrastructure?

I'm going to end on this note: Walk a day in the shoes of a parent with five kids. See what it's like to have a hard time getting help. Most people who are reading this article will not have had this experience in their life and will not be able to fathom the situation. Life happens. You adjust; you adapt, and you move forward. It's called being an adult.

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Kaley Roberts

Are you voting in November? If your answer is "yes," I was right there with you until recently, but even though they tax me to death, the U.S. government does not think I deserve the right to vote.

After being granted lawful permanent residence within the United States when I was 16, what I looked forward to most was voting for the next U.S. president. I watched from Canada as President George W. Bush did almost everything wrong for the United States, and I was buzzing with anticipation at the prospect of helping to push this country in the right direction with my mighty voting ability.

Sure, I had to watch the federal government deduct money from my paychecks now that I was a resident, but I did not mind in the least. I considered it financing my right to vote, having a federal responsibility that would reap federal voting rights. I was going to be a voice within a chorus of millions of folks ready for change, the shoulders upon which democracy would ride its way to victory.

Boy, was I wrong. What they had neglected to tell this budding politico after they handed her a green card was that she had no right whatsoever to vote in federal elections and would be lucky if she stumbled across a town that would even let her vote in local elections.

While there are groups like The Immigrant Voting Project trying to help secure residents like myself the right I thought was undeniable, even more Americans are against it. I can not help but wonder, why? I pay my taxes, go to school and have yet to commit any felonies. If there is an opportunity to elect an official who could enhance or detract from my life here in the United States, it

Taxation without representation — what century is this?

stands to reason that I should have a say.

America as it was between 1919 and 1926 would have been more than happy to have me vote. Immigrants had been given the right since 1776, with female immigrants voting alongside female citizens from 1919.

All this changed after World War I. Once welcoming them into their great land, Americans became wary of non-citizens and felt it necessary to establish voting regulations that narrowed their right to cast a ballot. These regulations were put into place long before the upcoming election and are now out of date.

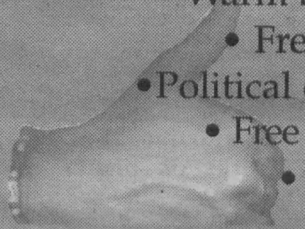
In our post-Sept. 11 world, non-citizens have to work infinitely harder to live legally in this country than any generation of immigrants before them. Not to simplify the struggle of earlier non-citizens, but immigration today is a daunting process. Potential immigrants are faced with intense medical examinations, drug tests, background checks and hefty fees, all before their applications for LPR are even considered.

My mother and I forked over more than \$4,000, missed a full week of work and school to visit the Homeland Security office in Portland and were uncomfortably interrogated about our reasons for wanting to live in the United States before we received our green cards. While Mom "could care less" about this injustice, lately it is the only thing on my mind.


Dear Congress, please unblock my vote so I can rock — or rather, Barack — the vote.

Kaley Roberts is a sophomore English major who just wants to vote.

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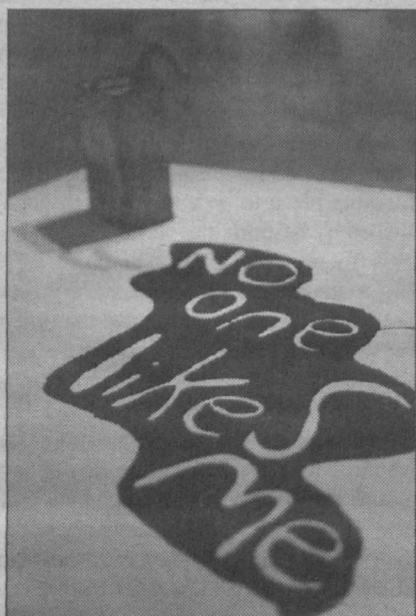


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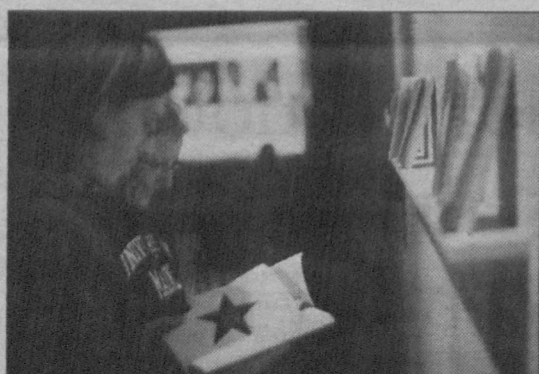
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Lord Hall exhibit brings the funny



An oil can with low self-esteem walks into an art gallery.

If that sounds more like the beginning of a joke than a work of art, that's perfectly fine with Tyler McPhee, co-curator of the University of Maine art exhibition at Lord Hall, "Seriously, Funny," focused on art that works as both.

"I think there is an attitude amongst artists that somehow by being funny, silly or irreverent that art can't carry a mes-

sage," McPhee said. "I think that comedy delivers some of the most biting criticism because it says something serious with a smile, so there is always ... a space for consideration of an issue."

The first "art joke" probably predates Marcel Duchamp's upside-down urinal submitted to a 1917 exhibition, but that was the moment that spawned much of the past century's interest in creative irreverence — at this point, it's no longer

offensive to laugh at an art gallery.

The show's co-curator, Owen Smith, who also serves as chair of the New Media Department, actively employs humor in his own work. Smith has published and compiled books on Fluxus, a group from the 1950s and '60s known for treating art as a novelty — one Fluxus piece, for example, simply involves taking a small fern out to dinner. This work wasn't always funny, but it helped push ideas into art that many of us take for granted today: the idea that art could be accessible and even entertaining.

"Humor draws people in," Smith said. "It tends to break down people's boundaries, the idea that 'art's not for me.'"

For this exhibition — part of the "Art Without Borders" series now in its fifth year — Smith and McPhee looked for works that could appeal to a college audience, including work that incorporates YouTube clips and hip-hop video spoofs.

While viewers can relate to technology or modern-day cultural references, these are jokes that work on many levels, just like art.

Consider artist Jill Miller's

grainy black-and-white video piece, which superimposes her own dance moves onto old footage of a stilted dance routine set to the rhythm of pop hip-hop musician Missy Elliot.

"There's no need to know who the guy is," Smith said. The artist is John Baldessari, and the work Miller edited is a performance art piece he made in 1971 which originally consisted of smooth, flowing gestures. Smith said viewers can get the joke without understanding the entire history, but it adds extra layers of meaning for those who do.

Is it funny? It depends on your sense of humor. Viewers who want to give some time to the work will come out understanding how art can take the technique of a joke and use it for its own creative ends: puns, punch lines, double-meanings and an appreciation for the absurd. It will likely appeal more to those who quote Monty Python than to

those who quote Tucker Max.

Works on display include Christopher Michael Sullivan's installation, "Project 00013: Insider Trading," a setup of a functional office environment including phones, motivational posters and office chairs. The piece also has a performance element: On Sept. 5, Sullivan used the office to cold-call potential art investors into buying another piece of work, \$1 bills on which he had printed his name.

The depressed oil can is the work of Dorothy Schultz. The crumpled tin jug stands forlorn before an oil slick, in which patches of paint spell out, "No One Likes Me."

The show runs through Sept. 26. Artist Jill Miller will visit 100 Lord Hall 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 to speak about her work.



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Clockwise from top left, "Free Fear from U.S.A.," by the Institute for Infinitely Small Things; "Oilcan (nobody likes me)" by Dorothy Schultz; "The Pursuits of a Gentleman" by Lewis Colburn; "Crying on Cue" by Laura Nova; Ashley Gard and Ben Wasserman view the "New American Dictionaries," which were featured as an art installation by the Institute for Infinitely Small Things. The collection of art drawings "Birds of North Africa Speak French and English at Once," by Amy Jean Porter.

BURN AFTER READING

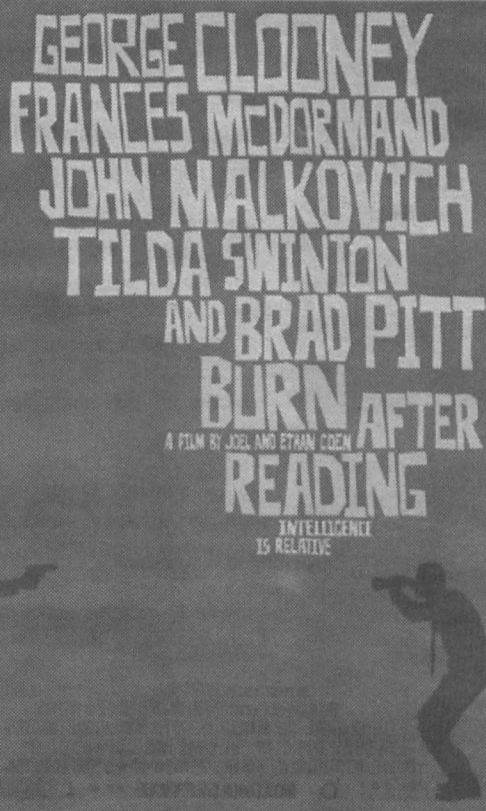


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By Kyle Kernan
For The Maine Campus

Like all Coen Brothers comedies, "Burn After Reading" is darkly comedic. If you are familiar with films like "The Big Lebowski" or "Raising Arizona," you know what you're in for. "Burn" is an amusing, at times exhausting, tale of the deeply flawed.

The film largely centers on Linda Litzki's (Frances McDormand) motives to find a man and heighten her self-esteem. Her co-worker, Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) finds a CD with some peculiar information. Litzki uses him to blackmail the CD's owner, ex-CIA spook, Osbourne Cox (John Malkovich), an angry man with a

mid-life crisis. What they don't know is that the disc contains useless information — Cox's financial information and memoir notes, which his wife (devilishly played by Tilda Swinton) made for a divorce settlement. Mrs. Cox hopes to wed Harry Pfarrer, a neurotic womanizer played by George Clooney.

Sound convoluted? It is.

The film's assortment of quirky characters is what makes this and every Coen Brothers film so memorable. Clooney and Pitt are the film's most humorous characters. Chad is the perfect airhead, acting so silly in a scene with Cox you realize he fails to even approach understanding the seriousness of the situation. Harry is a sex-crazed obsessive compulsive.

Litzki is the oblivious puppet master who guides all the others to disastrous fates. This is the centrally entertaining but exhausting element of the film. The characters continually suffer for their own shortcomings without coming to sound resolutions. They are controlled by their vices or their flaws and many do not overcome their internal struggles. Emotionally invested viewers may desire more from the film.

But the nature of people isn't always redemptive. The end result may conjure a swift, "What was the point of that?" Further meditation on the film lends it some sense.

All the players in "Burn After Reading" get what they deserve or asked for, which gives us an unsettlingly real look at who we are as people and how our flaws can steer our fates to bitter ends or to blissful lives of ignorance.

Grade: B+

Mae rocks against rape this weekend

By Spencer Morton
For The Maine Campus

College rock concerts are a dime a dozen; gigs for a good cause are few and far between. Sigma Phi Epsilon will host their seventh annual Rock Against Rape concert outside, between the baseball and softball fields, this Saturday at 7 p.m. for free. Several speakers will share the stage with Virginia-based alternative rockers Mae.

"We love shows like these because we really want to step up awareness and make a difference," Mae lead guitarist Zach Gehring said. "We love the state of Maine. It's beautiful, and we haven't been there in a long time, so we're looking forward to it." Mae has repeatedly appeared on the Vans Warped Tour and toured with MTV mainstays The Fray, OK Go and Brand New.

"They've got the big name recognition which should draw a large crowd and that's crucial when spreading the message on awareness," SigEp President Owen McCarthy said.

Behind the lights and sounds of what aims to be an exhilarating concert, there lies an important message. Safe Campus Project coordinator Carey Nason said. "The intent of Rock Against Rape is to raise awareness and promote education of sexual assault. The more aware we are, the better able we are to address issues."

Last year's concert was so popular that the men from SigEp received the Barbara Bodwell Volunteer Award. The prestigious award is presented to the Greek organization on campus that hosts the most innovative and impressive volunteer effort.

According to the University of Maine Public Safety Web site, 25 cases of forcible sex offenses were reported from 2004 to 2006 on campus. The 2007 Maine Crime Victimization Report states that 28.5 percent of all Maine women claim to have been victim to sexual assault.

"It's extremely important for young women to attend events like these. They need to get out of the 'it won't happen to me' mindset," said Monica Bushey, a University of Maine rape aggression defense instructor.

With an annual attendance of approximately 1,000 students, the concert has become one of the more anticipated events on campus. "Everyone is going to have a great time, and most importantly, it will be a safe environment to spend a Saturday night," McCarthy added.

The rain venue for Rock Against Rape is the Field House. For further details, contact Patrick Pittis on FirstClass.

Furry photography: EMCC exhibit

New England shutterbug displays collection of nature shots

By Kaley Roberts
Copy Editor

It is often thought we can best witness the truths in life when we are surrounded by nature. Famed writer Henry David Thoreau put pen to paper to express his relationship with the world around him, while fellow New Englander Grace M. Bartlett elects to capture hers on film.

Focusing on this timeless relationship, Bartlett's exhibit, "The Nature of Things and the Things of Nature," is on display at Eastern Maine Community College. Comprised of 24 photographs, the show depicts Bartlett's foray into the realm of natural photography and primarily focuses on animals as her subjects. While unavailable for comment, the artist supplied her own statement about the collection along with her photographs. In this accompaniment, Bartlett sheds light on her motives behind the pieces:

"In the last several years I have found myself drawn more toward photographing four-legged, two-legged or winged beings. For me, this is about establishing a relationship with this other being," reads Bartlett's statement.

Through the titles of her photos, Bartlett attempts to humanize her animal subjects and interpret their possible thoughts during these moments of their lives we are privy to view on film. "Is Someone There" features a gopher caught mid-meal and invites the viewer to wonder just what the gopher is thinking as it watches something in the distance. Others depict situations like deer "Turning Tail" or moose "Going for a Splash."

While animal photography was clearly the focus of her exhibit, the standout piece on the wall of EMCC's Library Gallery simply featured vegetation overtaking the remains of a long abandoned wagon. Titled "Natural Composting," the photo seems to

pay homage to what Bartlett mentions as her first photography project, "an essay of scrapped cars and other junk" left in natural surroundings. The contrast within the piece between the decrepit vehicle and the plants finding residence inside ties in seamlessly with Bartlett's agenda to interact with nature in a positive manner, to create art without "grabbing," "snatching" or "taking" an image.

On display until Friday, Oct. 31, "The Nature of Things and the Things of Nature" is clearly a collection built upon a foundation of love and respect for both nature and the ability to capture it from behind the lens.

"Photography excites me, challenges me and calls me to experience life from a different angle, a new perspective," Bartlett says in the final line of her statement to the eyes observing her exhibit. Time will tell if her collection evokes the same response from visitors to the Library Gallery in the weeks ahead.



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Stern intern yearns to learn and earn experience



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By Kyle Kernan
For The Maine Campus

Shock jock Howard Stern has taken on one of University of Maine's own this semester. Derek Francis, 27, a senior mass communication and theater major, is currently in New York City interning at "The Howard Stern Show."

With experience in professional news production for the WMEB morning show in the past and writing for The Maine

Campus, Francis is no stranger to the creative process of production work in media. He also directed "Cloud 9," a Caryl Churchill play, at UMaine last spring.

A fan of "The Howard Stern" show since the 1990s, Francis earned an internship opportunity once before but could not afford housing and opted to try again in the future. Francis reapplied this spring and was one of 10 applicants chosen from a pool of more than 3,000.

Relocation has been difficult for

Francis, whose fiancée remains at UMaine, but his experience has been rewarding thus far. On the first day, Francis attended a creative meeting and saw first-hand what it takes to produce a national radio broadcast. Shortly after joining the team, Francis was mentioned on air by Stern, who said that Francis was like the "Van Wilder" of interns due to his lengthy college career, referring to Ryan Reynolds' turn as a seventh-year college student in "National Lampoon's Van Wilder."

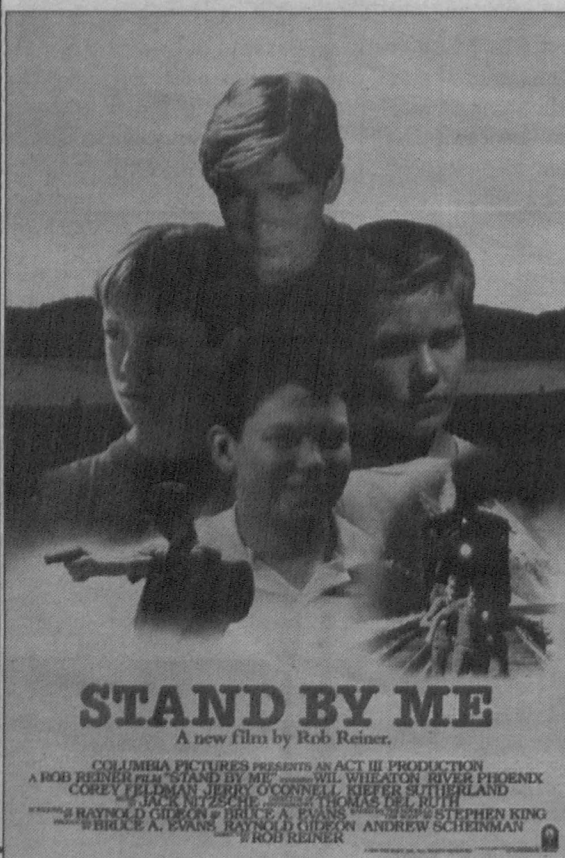
Francis works in a newsroom, taking calls for "the laugh factor." Interns speak with callers and decide if what they have to say is interesting or pertinent to go on air. Francis has spoken with Howard Stern's father Ben Stern — a regular caller always ready to voice his political comments to his son on air. Interns are also expected to take notes during meetings, to work on setting up the show and to obtain worthy sound clips.

Francis appreciates the internship and the show for its honesty. "Everyone on the show is genuine and who they are on radio broadcasts," Francis said. Among the producers of the show he works with Benjy Bronk and Fred Norris, while Stern himself is rarely seen. Francis said when the interns were getting their pictures taken, Stern walked by and quipped, "Time for your mug shots, huh?"

Francis's internship runs through the second week of December, but he is cherishing every day. "Everyone works hard to stay relevant and come up with ideas. I didn't know so many people can work so hard while still having a good time," Francis said. Guests on the show during Francis' tenure have included Brooke Hogan, AC/DC, actor Jerry O'Connell and Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics.

"The Howard Stern Show" internship program is great for people searching for experience in radio, according to Francis. He said Stern and his staff show the utmost personal care to the interns and production staff on the show and that the staff fosters learning and encourages participants to move forward with their goals in the business.

After his internship, Francis hopes to find work in production and public relations.



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The Real Deal: Vintage Movie Reviews

By Kayla Riley
For The Maine Campus

Movie buffs, take a second to reflect on your passion for cinema. OK, now amplify that by about six figures, and you have yours truly. As a true film aficionado, I grew tired of reviewing today's detritus that passes as box-office gold. Thus, the vintage movie column was born. This column is meant as a supplement to your enjoyment of movies and perhaps a suggestion for your next rental. Read on, enjoy, and feel free to make your own judgments. I only serve to enlighten your movie watching experiences. Now, for our feature presentation.

What could be more fascinating to four young boys than a dead body? Brought to life by the innocent antics of four pre-teens in a small town, 1986's "Stand By Me" is a rich, stirring, comedic drama. The star players are the good-natured Gordie (Wil Wheaton), rough and ready Chris (River

Phoenix), daring and dangerous Teddy (Corey Feldman) and fearful, pudgy Vern (Jerry O'Connell). They share a strong bond, seeming to fit in more with each other than with their own families.

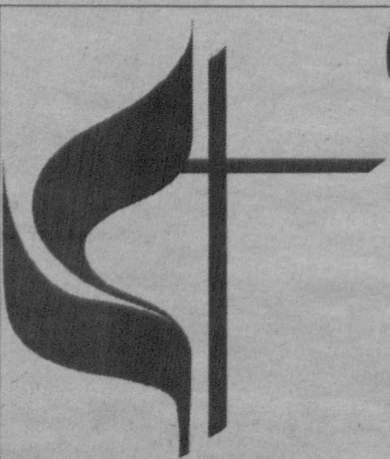
Gordie is the group's leader, narrating the story of his childhood as an adult looking back on simpler times. The story begins in the summer of 1959 when Vern discovers that a boy their age has died, and the body might be located nearby. This revelation sets the boys on a two-day adventure through the Oregon woods as they try to discover the corpse that will gain them fame in their community.

As the boys continue their journey, they encounter a surly junkyard owner and his ball-biting canine, a pack of rowdy knife-wielding "hoods," oncoming trains, a leech field and their own surprising emotions. Although the four are oblivious to this, the expedition marks the last time they will be such close friends. The search for this strange boy's body becomes a pro-

found quest for something much more — their separate identities and the transition from children to young men. As the adult Gordie muses, "We knew exactly who we were and exactly where we were going. It was grand."

What makes this film so remarkable is the combination of exceptional talent from young actors, a remarkable depiction of the '50s, and the powerful, multi-faceted characterization of these four boys, all with difficult backgrounds. Although this film is more than 20 years old, it never once feels dated or trite. "Stand By Me" emphasizes the value of friendship while showcasing the talent of many actors who have since gained various levels of fame over the years, including Keifer Sutherland and John Cusack along the myriad of child stars. Based on Stephen King's novella "The Body," "Stand By Me" is a clever film that shouldn't be missed.

Grade: A-



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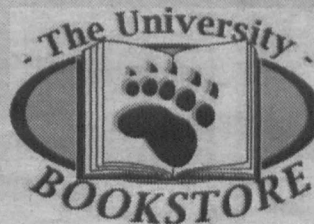
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

An older person in the family will help you clear a misunderstanding with your loved one caused by recent financial difficulties. You are advised to remain optimistic and patient.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You will have a very busy time, especially at home, and your disposition may not be the best. Your failure to keep on schedule may make you nervous and eager to get into fights.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You will be full of energy and able to complete a task initiated a while ago. A friend may offer you a part time job. Don't rush turning the offer down!

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You may not feel very well and will be in no mood to meet with friends. Your state of apathy may put you in an unpleasant situation at home. Try to understand the problems of people around you who may expect more from you!

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Be careful what you say, especially if someone in your circle is getting on your nerves! You may react impulsively. In the afternoon, you might receive a major sum of money from a relative.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

In the morning, you might feel stressed at work because of some urgent tasks that you are expected to complete. Consider your work-mates' advice!

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

In the afternoon, your drive for more individual freedom could affect the relationship with your loved one. You are running the risk of breaking up.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You will have the opportunity to make important changes in your sentimental life. In the morning, you will meet a special person. Don't rush, and rely on your intuition!

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

In the morning, you will feel discontent with one of your business partners who seems to be envious of you. You had better let it go.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You intend to make changes in your home, but your plans may be misunderstood and lead to a scandal. In order to clear the issue, you are advised to remain calm.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

Relationships with your friends will be excellent. You might have some arguments with your loved one if you won't agree to help an older person in the family.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

You are advised to observe traffic rules carefully, or you may get a ticket. This is also not a good time to conclude financial transactions or make major decisions.

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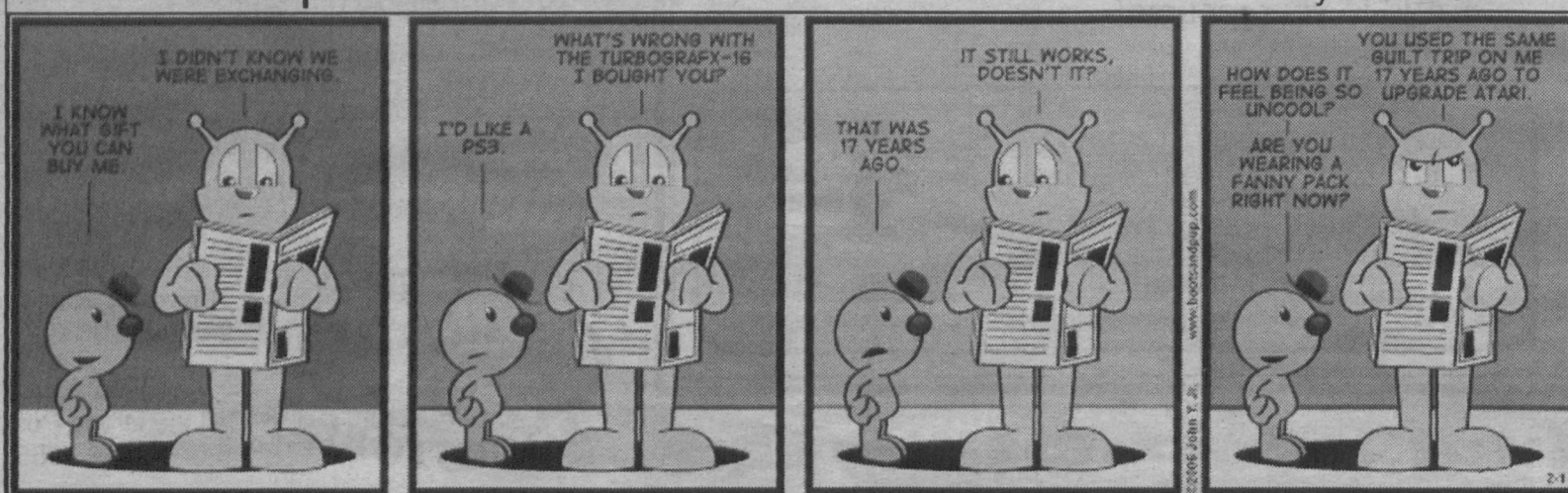
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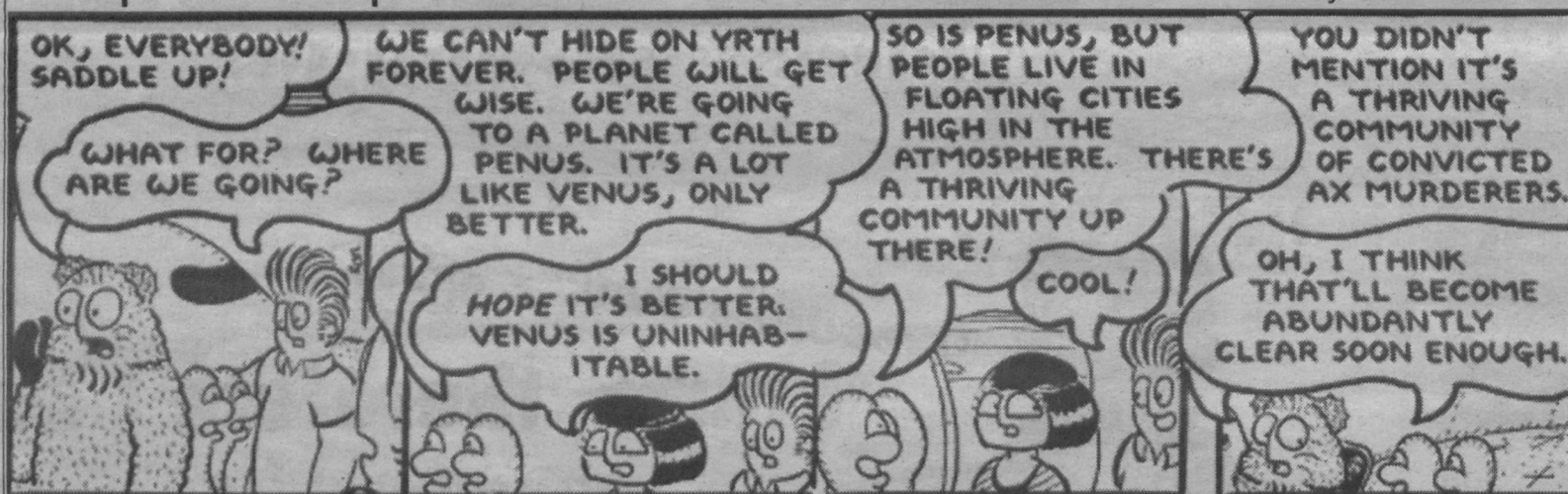
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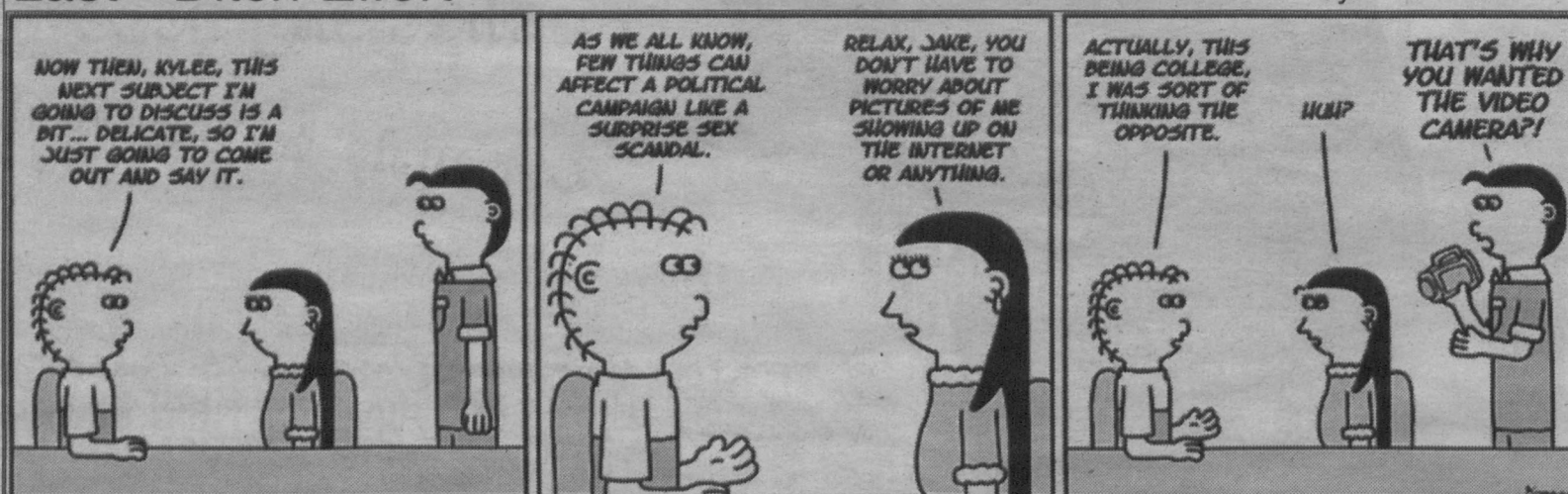
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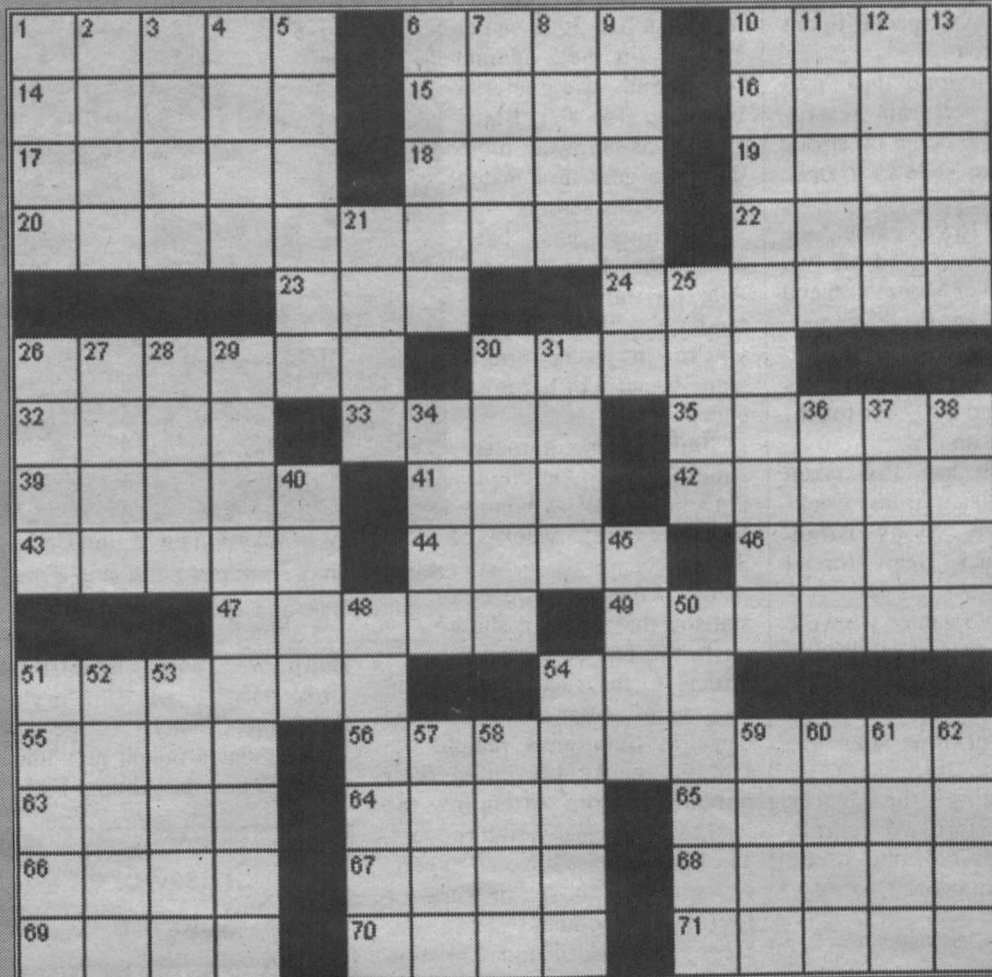
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10. Hearing organs
14. Diacritical mark
15. Molokai meal
16. Dog biter
17. Farewell
18. Grasp
19. Discover
20. Noteworthy
22. Elliptical
23. Half of two
24. Seldom

26. Motor
30. Path around the sun
32. Bacterium
33. Decorative case
35. Andean animal
39. Raisin
41. Any doctrine
42. Glacial ice formation
43. Not drunk
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46. Mix
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51. In vogue

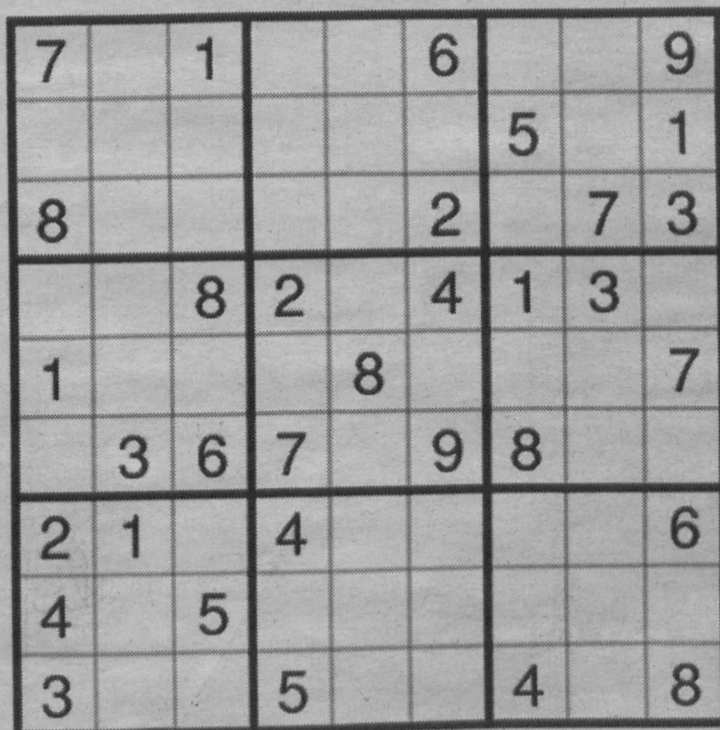
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1. The Sun
2. Assistant
3. Skinny
4. Notion
5. Nerve
6. Seaweed
7. Curtail
8. A dog wags this
9. Brilliant
10. Easy
11. Not dead
12. Kidney-related
13. Unhappily
21. Leg joint
25. Anagram of "Sail"
26. They come from hens
27. Roman emperor
28. Snatch
29. Hinderance
30. European blackbird
31. Frost
34. An indefinite period
36. Products of human creativity
37. Postcards and letters
38. Unit of area
40. Cupid, to the Greeks
45. Skinny
48. Make brighter
50. Help
51. Almost 40 inches
52. Rust, e.g.
53. Challenges
54. Clairvoyants
57. Exploded star
58. Stair
59. Doing nothing
60. Obscure
61. Focusing glass
62. Border

54. "..... boom bahl!"
55. Test
56. Numb
63. Rubber wheel
64. Carry
65. Left the engine running
66. Biblical garden
67. Always
68. Hang loosely
69. Repose
70. Short sleeps
71. Brusque

ANSWER KEY ON PAGE 15

SUDOKU PUZZLE



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HOW TO PLAY

- Each row (horizontal line) must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each column (vertical line) must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer!

Advice Girl

My best friend of 12 years told me that my boyfriend is cheating on me. I have been going out with "Bill" for two years, and I am very much in love with him. I trust him, but I trust my best friend too. She has never really liked Bill, but I don't think she would make up lies to break us up. She knows how much he means to me, and I don't think she would purposely hurt me like that. If Bill is cheating on me, then I want to confront him, but I don't want to ruin our relationship based on false information.

Whether he's cheating on you or not, confronting Bill probably isn't worth it, because he's either going to deny it or get mad at you for accusing him of such activities. The easier route would probably be to talk to your friend. Ask her for more details. How does she know Bill is cheating on you? If she can't give you details, it's

probably just a rumor or she's trying to break you guys up. It could be your friend feels you are not spending enough time with her and giving all of your attention to Bill. While in a relationship, it's important to keep a healthy balance between your friends and significant other, in order to keep both. Talk to some of your other friends and see if they have heard this rumor, or ask them if they think Bill has been acting strange lately. Look back at his behavior over the last few weeks. Some signs of a cheater (according to cheating-spouse.org) are avoiding intimacy, acting distant, paying more attention to appearance, etc. If your friend can give you details and solid proof, you should have a chat with Bill and show him the proof. Then, dump his butt.

Let Advice Girl help you out:
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Cadenzato Faculty Ensemble
Saturday, Sept. 20
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Minsky Recital Hall
Tickets \$6, free for students with MaineCard

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Saturday, Sept. 20
7:30 p.m.
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Free

FILM

Kickin' Flicks: "Sex and the City"
Friday, Sept. 19
7:30 and 10 p.m.
Bangor Room
Free admission

COMEDY

Maine Attraction: Steve Burr
Friday, Sept. 19
9 p.m.
Memorial Union dining room
Free admission

GENERAL

Pub Mix: Jeopardy
Thursday, Sept. 18
Bear's Den, Memorial Union
8 p.m.
Free admission

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Football

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and CAA foe Towson. Their only defeat came at the hands of Virginia from the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Spiders had a chance to win the game and trailed 3-0 in the fourth quarter before falling 16-0.

"We watched the film of them against Virginia, and Virginia struggled to move the ball," Farkes said, "but you don't want to get hung up on that. We respect them. They're No. 2 in the country, and they're a great team, but so are we."

The Spiders lead the conference in scoring defense (13.3 points per game) and total defense (272.7 yards per game).

Leading the way is senior defensive end Lawrence Sidbury (13 total tackles, 1.0 sack). Linebackers Collin McConaghy (20 total tackles) and Eric McBride (16 total tackles) bolster a defense that returns eight starters. All three players are pre-season All-CAA picks.

"They have a very complete, solid team defense," Cosgrove added. "They seem to really work well together [and] keep it pretty simple. It's really a strength of a team that has a lot of strengths."

Offensively, the Spiders had to replace All-American running back and current Arizona Cardinal, Tim Hightower. Senior Josh Vaughan (50 carries, 274 yards, two touchdowns) has stepped into that role and performed well behind a veteran offensive line that includes pre-season All-American guard, junior Matthew McCracken.

Also returning for Richmond is junior quarterback Eric Ward who threw for over 2,300 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. Ward, a dual-threat behind center, also ran for eight touchdowns in 2007.

Coach's Corner with Jack Cosgrove

Three keys to the game at
Richmond

1. Great week of preparation
"The focus for our guys has to be No. 1."
2. Great start
"We've fallen behind. We need to do a better job getting out of the gate, especially on the road."
3. Play with poise
"We're going to have to maintain our poise throughout the 60 minutes down there. We'll be the team in town that no one is rooting for. We're going to have to respond to the different challenges."

"He can run it off of the scramble or on the designed run," Cosgrove said of the Richmond quarterback. "He can create off the scramble with the pass. He's a typical quarterback that is a pain in the butt to defend."

Ward's top target at wide receiver is sophomore Kevin Grayson (18 receptions, 308 yds., 1 TD). Grayson, the 2007 CAA Offensive Rookie of the Year, is a

"game-breaking type of wide receiver," according to Cosgrove.

The Spiders also possess a great return game with sophomore Justin Rogers, one of the elite kick returners in the country and the 2007 CAA Special Teams Player of the Year.

While Richmond has performed very well this season, UMaine has also come on strong after a 46-3 loss at Iowa to open the season.

Since the Iowa game, the Black Bears have reeled off two straight wins over Monmouth and Stony Brook. In those games, Farkes has thrown a combined seven touchdowns, matching his career-high from 2007 for touchdowns in a season.

The defense has also taken strides, particularly in last week-end's win over Stony Brook where the Black Bears forced four turnovers.

"The first two games we were kind of tweaking and modifying what we had to do," junior defensive lineman Jonas Rousseau said. "Now, we know what our game is."

Despite being the heavy underdog in Saturday's contest, UMaine is excited about the prospect of taking on a national power.

"We got to go down there and play a great opponent," Farkes said. "It's an opportunity that we can take advantage of."

"In order for you to be a good team, you got to beat the great team," Rousseau said. "We plan on playing them physical, plan on playing them tough and playing them for 60 minutes."

Soccer

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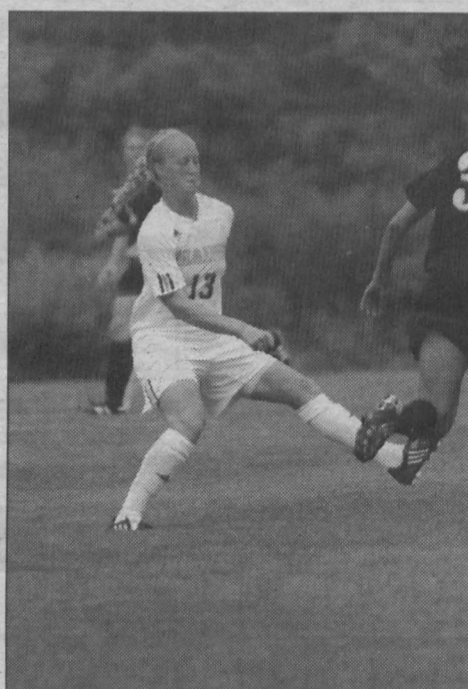
play of senior goalkeeper Jasmine Phillips. Phillips recently recorded her 30th career shutout in net against Iona, and the veteran backstop for the Black Bears has allowed more than one goal in a match just once this season.

"Jasmine has been solid for four years," Atherley said of the goaltender. "Having her, you're in every single game because of her presence."

Phillips also garnered America East Conference Player of the Week honors for the first week of September.

Defensive pressure is a statistic that will not show up in the box score but is critical to the success of a winning team. After Bryant scored early in Saturday's match, the UMaine backs prevented their opponents from extending the lead by forcing several turnovers. The Black Bears have an experienced core of backs in a trio of juniors: Anjelica Hodgson, Hailey Blackburn and Christina Di Ielsi. First-year Sady Tobin has also seen considerable playing time in her rookie season.

After Thursday's match with Dartmouth, the Black Bears will face one more non-conference opponent, Cornell, on Sunday in New York. Their conference schedule begins on Sept. 28 in



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Sady Tobin goes to make the stop in Saturday's tie against Bryant University.

Baltimore, Md., against the University of Maryland Baltimore-County.

Thursday's match gets underway at 3 p.m. on Alumni Field.

Crossword Solution



START COMMANDING ATTENTION.

START OUT ON TOP.

START RAISING THE BAR.

START HIGHER.

START ONE STEP AHEAD.

START MOVING UP.

START LEADING FROM DAY ONE.

START STRONG.



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NFC East tops NFL

By Danielle Young
For the Maine Campus

Week two in the NFL has come and gone with few big stories to share. Although Patriots' fans may disagree, Matt Cassel's first career NFL start wasn't the beginning of a great year in New England. Let's face it—they played the Jets. Don't expect this trend of winning to continue. With their weak schedule, they'll probably still end the season with a decent number of wins.

No, if there was one thing you could take away from week two, it would be the dominance of the NFC East, hands down the best division in football. On Monday night, the Cowboys and Eagles showed us why.

With 18.6 million viewers, the largest audience ever for a program on cable television, my 'Boys and the Eagles lit up the scoreboard and notched a combined total of 78 points. What? 78 points? Well maybe this wasn't the best defensive showcase for both teams, but the offense sure gave us something worth watching. This game had everything from a kickoff return for a touchdown, to fumbled snaps in the end zone, seven lead changes and — surprisingly enough — few comments about Jessica Simpson. The audience wasn't disappointed. I know I wasn't.

The Cowboys and the Eagles weren't the only two NFC East teams shining this week. The Giants and Redskins made it clear that they were here to play, too. The New York Giants smoked the St. Louis Rams, while the Washington Redskins came back to steal a victory from the New Orleans Saints. Simply put, the NFC East is 6-2. Yes, 6-2. Its only two losses came from playing each other. So outside its division it is 6-0. Kind of impressive.

Now that we've established that the NFC East wrecks every other division right now in the NFL, it's only fair to say that the best team in football after week two is the Dallas Cowboys. If you can convince me that there is a better combination of quarterback, wide receiver, running back and tight end anywhere else in the NFL, I will laugh in your face. With Tony Romo, Terrell Owens, Marion Barber and Jason Witten, the Cowboys have what it takes to roll into the Super Bowl in February and become the second consecutive NFC East team to win the big dance.

The only problem I foresee the Cowboys having this season is with some of their highly publicized superstars. Not only did Dallas sign Adam "Pac-Man" Jones this offseason, who probably was arrested about every other week in the past year, defensive tackle Tank Johnson also had legal problems of his own. T.O. is just, T.O. Not to worry, Dallas fans, this isn't anything new to the organization. They are America's Team — they don't let this bother them. Although, I will say that there is one major problem that stares me in the face, and it's Jessica Simpson.

If there is one name that makes me cringe, it is the over-the-top pop star gone country dud. The mere sight of her face plastered on every magazine is enough to make anyone want to gag, or at least write nasty hate mail to "People" magazine for giving her the opportunity to talk about "the love of her life." Although I haven't fine-tuned the details of my plan to rid her from the Cowboys organization, it's a work in progress. Let's just say, when you search on Facebook for "Danielle Romo" you'll know my plan was executed perfectly.

So what have we learned after week two? The Cowboys and Eagles have killer offensive power, the Giants can beat up on a very bad Rams team, the Redskins have a pretty decent quarterback, and furthermore, the NFC East kicks major butt this week. Expect that trend to continue in week three and beyond.

UM finishes strong at Buffalo

By Seth Poplaski
For the Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's volleyball team returned from the Buffalo Ramada Invitational in New York Sunday evening after playing three matches. They finished their weekend matches going 1-2, losing to Butler and Maryland Eastern Shore before defeating Buffalo in their last game of the tournament. The Black Bears are now 5-5 on the season.

UMaine opened its weekend on Friday night with a match against Butler and lost in straight sets (25-27, 23-25, 23-25). The team played well throughout the match, but they dropped all three sets. Seniors Margaret Page, Lindsay Allman and Laura Goettsch had at least 10 kills in the game, while Ashlee Wright led the team with 12 digs.

On Saturday, the Black Bears played another hard-fought match, but once again lost in straight sets to Maryland Eastern Shore (22-25, 24-

26, 24-26). Amy Lawson, a senior middle hitter for UMaine, led the team with 11 kills. Goettsch chipped in 10 digs in the losing effort. Jessica Wolfenden and Allman also reached double digit-digs.

Sunday would prove to be a positive day for the team as they won its final match of the tournament against the host team Buffalo in four sets (25-14, 25-20, 15-25, 25-22). Allman

Volleyball

would shine once again in the match as she ended with 10 kills, 12 digs and served three aces in the winning effort. Allman was later named to the all-tournament team for her contributions throughout the weekend.

Junior middle hitter Amanda Armstrong said that despite the 1-2 record on the weekend, the team played well.

"We could have and should have beat UMES and Butler, but we still

came out of those matches with our heads high, taking the mistakes we made and learning from them," she said. "I think we improved a lot as a team. We saw taller teams in Buffalo, so that got us ready for the big hands of conference. Everything can improve. We are still not perfect."

On a positive note, with the win last weekend, the Black Bears tied last year's total for wins in a season.

"The fact that we beat last season's record doesn't mean a thing," Armstrong said. "We only won five matches. That is terrible. Volleyball is a momentum sport. Winning leads to more winning. We use the five wins from last season as fire, to get us going to rile us up — get us mad. We need to do better this year; there are no excuses."

UMaine is on the road again this weekend as they head to Storrs, Connecticut. They will play in another nonconference tournament, and they hope to add to their win total before entering conference play in October.

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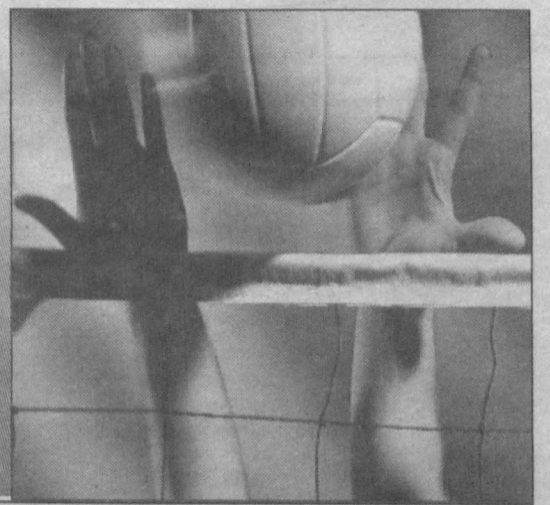
Feel free to contact Erica Berry on FirstClass with any questions or to sign up a team!

Allman named to all-tournament team following Buffalo Ramada Invitational.

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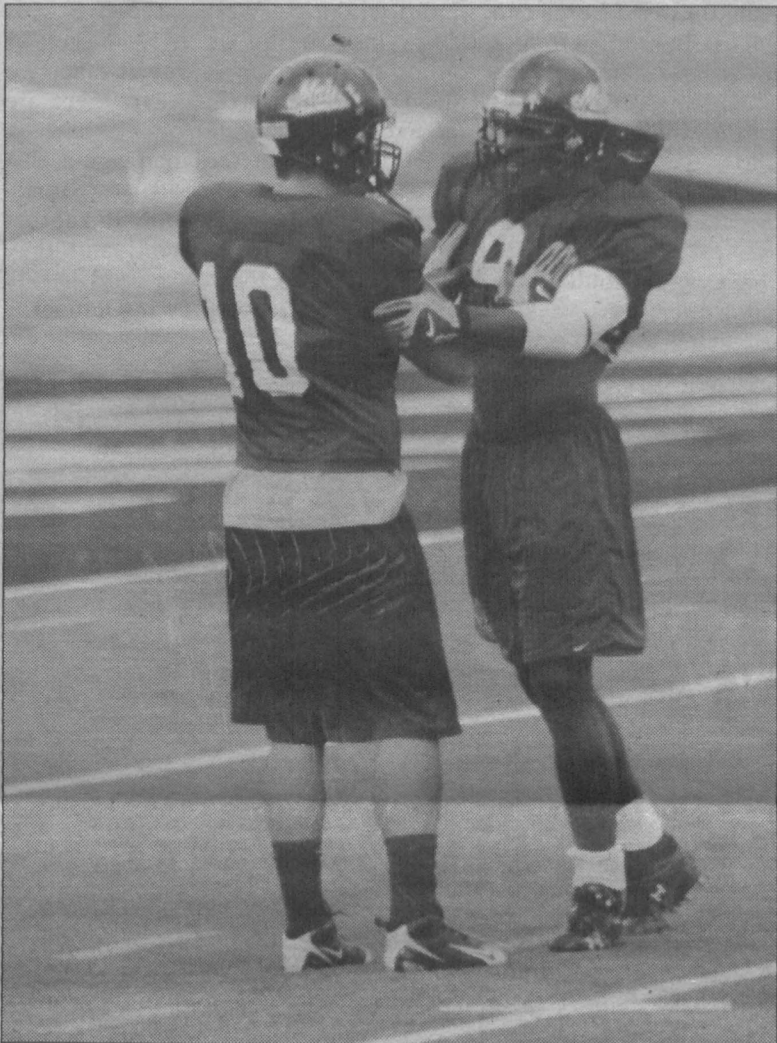
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Black Bears open CAA play

UMaine hits the road to take on Ward, Richmond Spiders



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Andrew Downey and Jovan Belcher get pumped up on the practice field Tuesday after winning the home opener on Saturday.

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

In the 2007 inaugural season of Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) football, five teams from the conference made the NCAA playoffs. Delaware advanced to the championship game before falling to Appalachian State.

Top players like Ricky Santos of UNH, Omar Cuff and Joe Flacco of Delaware and Tim Hightower of Richmond moved on though. They

were either drafted by an NFL team or signed as undrafted free agents this spring.

Despite such a star-studded crop of players moving on to professional football, the CAA in 2008 appears to be even stronger with five teams currently ranked among the nation's top 10.

"The teams are much improved from last year," said University of Maine Coach Jack Cosgrove. "Not that last year wasn't a good year, it's just that so many players have come back to play again, and that's the

natural progression."

On Saturday, the Black Bears open conference play when they travel south to take on one of those top-10 teams, the No. 2-ranked Richmond Spiders, at 3 p.m.

UMaine (2-1, 0-0 CAA) is coming off a 28-13 victory over Stony Brook in its home opener last Saturday. In the contest, sophomore quarterback Adam Farkes threw four first-half touchdown passes. The Black

Bear defense recorded 10 tackles for loss, including seven

Football

sacks.

Stony Brook, is not the caliber of Richmond.

"They were a team that finished at the top of our league last year and were defeated by eventual national champion Appalachian State [in the national semifinals]," Cosgrove said. "They have a lot of those guys back this year."

Richmond (2-1, 1-0), the winner of the CAA South division in 2007, started the 2008 season strong, defeating nationally-ranked Elon

See **FOOTBALL** on page 14

Blizzard hits UM

Club football drops second, now at 0-2

By Alex Leonard
For the Maine Campus

The University of Maine club football team tasted defeat for a second straight week this past Saturday, falling to the Clinton Irish Blizzard 35-6.

Coming off a season-opening trouncing at the hands of the Randolph Oilers, 27-0,

Club Football

the Black Bears again had trouble keeping up with their new competition in the Eastern Football League. UMaine struggled to stop the Blizzard's aerial attack allowing three consecutive touchdown drives before halftime. As a result, UMaine trailed 28-0 after the first 24 minutes of action.

The second half did not start any better as Clinton went 65 yards to go up 35-0. They again drove deep into the Black Bear red zone but a bone-jarring hit by quarterback-turned-safety Brett Davison forced a fumble that was recovered by the defense.

"Fortunately we were able to knock the ball loose and give us some momentum on offense," Davison said. "Every week we're improving, you know it's a brand new team from last year, but we're making positive strides, and next week I think we'll be able to put it all together."

Three plays later, Davison hit tight end Justin Mattos on a 98-yard touchdown pass giving the Black Bears their first points of the season. The point after would fail, yielding what would be the final score.

Davison threw for 143 yards on 9-for-20 passing, also throwing an interception to go with his touchdown pass.

For the second week in a row, the defense was suspect allowing over 150 yards on the ground and 173 yards through the air.

"We're making positive strides, and next week I think we'll be able to put it all together."

Brett Davison
Senior Safety
UMaine Club Football

"We need to do a better job tackling," said senior Captain Ben Christy. "We started to come around toward the end of the game, but we need to come out and put some points on the board early and build up our confidence."

UMaine plays their final regular season home game next week at Alford Stadium, facing off against the Brockton Buccaneers at 7:30 p.m.

UM prepares for the Big Green

Undefeated record intact despite injured leading scorer, Martel

By Steven McCarthy
For the Maine Campus

An undefeated record is the ideal statistic for a team to see beside their name midway through the season. At 2-0-4, the University of Maine Black Bears women's soccer team is still perfect in the loss column, but with four ties, their winning record has been compiled in an unusual and exhausting manner.

The Black Bears are preparing for Thursday's match at home against Dartmouth, in the midst of a streak of five consecutive matches that extended to overtime. After a season-opening victory over Sacred Heart, four of the last five matches have resulted in ties. UMaine earned its second victory of the season in a double overtime thriller against Iona on Sep. 7.

Dartmouth will present a

significant challenge for the Black Bears. The perennial collegiate soccer power brings a 1-2-0 record into Orono, coming off two close losses against Atlantic Coast Conference teams, Maryland and Virginia. Virginia is ranked ninth in the nation in Division 1. The Big Green nearly upset the Cavaliers, but Virginia escaped the Dartmouth attack and held on for a 2-1 victory.

"I think we better have our shoes tied on a heck of a lot tighter than we had them today," UMaine Coach Scott Athlerley noted after Saturday's game against Bryant. "They're [Dartmouth] going to make you pay for your mistakes. If you come out soft against them, it won't even be a game, so for us we've really got to tighten it up."

The Black Bears can be confident their record remains unblemished despite playing

the majority of the first half of the season without their leading scorer, junior Laura Martel. Martel remained sidelined in Saturday's match with Bryant, healing an injured knee. She has three goals on the season, all recorded in the season opener against Sacred Heart for her first career hat trick. She was rewarded with America East Conference Player of the Week honors following the performance.

The depth of UMaine's talent has been on display in Martel's absence, as four of her teammates have scored goals in recent games. Senior Christine LaBelle notched her second goal of the season to tie the game on Saturday. Junior Veronique Fleury scored the game-winner in double overtime against

Iona, and sophomore Kelsey Wilson scored against Temple. Freshman Carolyn Nellis recorded her first collegiate goal on Aug. 31 against Rhode Island.

LaBelle acknowledged the significance of Martel's absence, but is confident in her team's ability to create offense from several sources.

"Everybody can score. We all finish in practice all the time, and obviously we've done it the past couple games. Having her [Martel] out is a big loss for us, but I don't feel like it puts any more pressure on us."

The Black Bears could be looking at a far worse record if they were without the consistent

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